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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE
IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE CEASE-FIRE

ACQ VIETNAM, BIEN HOA (26 OCTOBER 1972)

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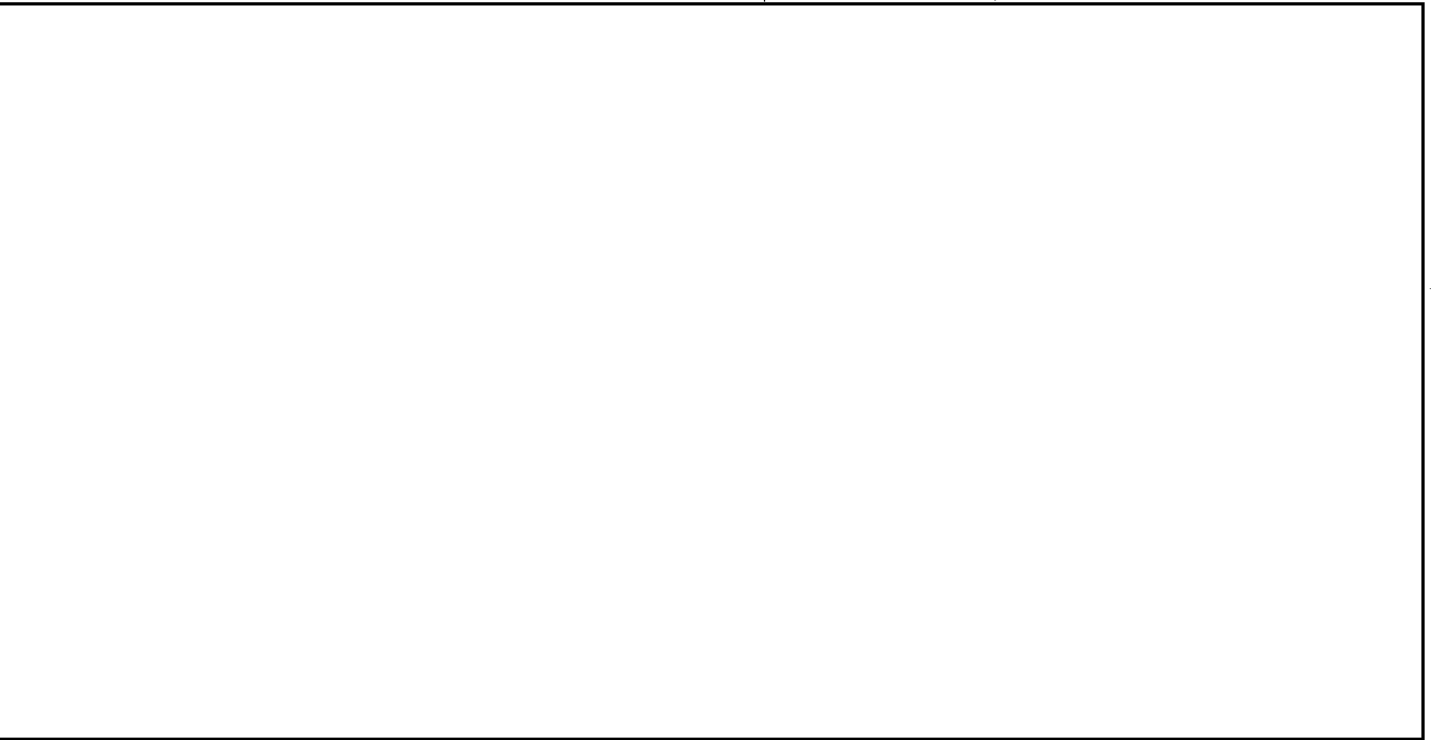
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1. ON 26 OCTOBER 1972, GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) PUBLIC SERVANTS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, MEMBERS OF VILLAGE COUNCILS AND VILLAGE CHIEFS IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE WERE ORDERED TO BE ON CONTINUOUS DUTY IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENT POSSIBILITY OF A CEASE-FIRE. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO BE AWAY FROM THEIR POSTS FOR AS MUCH AS AN HOUR SO THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HANDLE ANY DEVELOPMENTS STEMMING FROM A CEASE-FIRE.

2. OFFICIALS IN COMMAND POSITIONS, SUCH AS PROVINCE CHIEFS, DISTRICT CHIEFS AND NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDERS, ARE NOW RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND MESSAGES IN WRITING DIRECTLY FROM COURIERS. NO INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE CEASE-FIRE ARE TO BE TRANSMITTED VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS BECAUSE OF THE FEAR THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERCEPTED BY COMMUNIST RADIO OR TELEPHONE MONITORING.

3. IN ALL THE DISTRICTS OF BIEN HOA PROVINCE THERE ARE LARGE STOCKS OF GVN FLAGS AND PICTURES OF PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU. THERE ARE ALSO LARGE QUANTITIES OF THE NEW FLAG OF THIEU'S DEMOCRACY PARTY. THE FLAG, WHICH HAS A RED STAR ON A YELLOW BACKGROUND, HAS NOT BEEN DISPLAYED YET. THE FLAGS AND PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED

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OF THE CREATION OF THE DEMOCRACY PARTY WITH THE PRESIDENT
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